

FORTY-SIXTH YEAR.

THE MORTGAGE CROP

Facts Which Put Another Aspect on the Situation in Bleeding Kansas.

REAL VICTIMS NOT THERE,

But the Eastern Investors Who Fell an Easy Prey to the Willy Bogus Settlers.

MANY COUNTIES NOW DESERTED,

After the Farmers Who Did Not Use the Plow Had Borrowed Money and Issued Bonds to the Limit.

THE OWLS AND COYOTES NOW HOLD SWAY

Township With Less Than a Dozen Voters Contract a Heavy Indebtedness for Needless Public Improvements.

TOO MUCH BAD PAPER LOSE IN THE STATE NOW

(SPECIAL TELEGRAM TO THE DISPATCH.) TOPKA, KAN., July 10.—Southwestern Kansas boasts of the shrewdest financiers in the world.

The thirty-second judicial district is composed of the counties of Seward, Stevens and Morton on the southerly line between Kansas and No Man's Land, and Grant, Haskell and Stanton joining them on the north.

Farmers Who Did Not Plow. A few years ago every acre of their area belonged to the government. Since then they have been taken up by alleged farmers, who, as soon as they could secure title through the land office, proceeded to mortgage and abandon them.

The Eastern Capitalists Victimized. These counties were organized in prosperous times, when Eastern loan companies, through their agents, were despoiling the country by thousands of dollars of bogus settlements.

Bonds Voted to the Limit. Every county, municipal township and school district organization has voted all the bonds that the market would stand and in many cases more than it would stand.

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township bonds were not in demand, and he could not dispose of them. Finally, he closed a contract with an Indiana windmill company to exchange them for enough windmills to supply the demand of the county.

Eleven Citizens With a Big Debt. Niagara township, in the same county, contains 5 families in which there are 11 voters. They voted \$15,000 worth of sugar bonds, but being unable to sell them voted \$10,000 for a township poorhouse, which would have been more ten times over than the value of the private bonds.

Five cents each are paid by these counties for the scraps of jack rabbits and gophers and the thrifty people have done a thriving trade in these staples. Stevens county has \$20,000 invested in them and Grant county double that sum.

County Scrip a Drug on the Market. The banks of the State are flooded with county scrip which is now a drug on the market at 50 cents on the dollar, the Legislature has passed a law authorizing county commissioners to issue funding bonds with which to redeem county warrants.

Several cities are debt-ridden in much the same way, and their funds have also been stolen by wild-cat banks. Bonds have been issued by them and the proceeds gone into the pockets of individuals.

Scarcely a dollar of the money paid into the county treasuries comes from resident property owners. All is paid by the loan companies, who have shrewdly managed to nearly all of the land. Anyone can see the loan companies land farm for the nominal annual rental of \$1 per quarter section; but no one wants it and it is now occupied by row rabbits, prairie dogs, coyotes and owls.

A Good Place for Mortgage Statistics. The entire county gives evidence that the men who settled in it originally did so for the purpose of fastening upon its credit the mortgage of the State.

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GRAY HAS NO AGENT

In the East Working Up a Vice Presidential Boom for Him.

A MOST EMPHATIC DECLARATION From the Ex-Governor That He Is Not After the Second Place.

A CANDIDATE FOR THE PRESIDENCY

AFTER SIX LONG YEARS

A FORMER PITTSBURGER FINDS HIS RUNAWAY WIFE.

She Has Him Arrested on a Trivial Charge, But He Is Released When the Court Learned He Wants His Children and Money.

NEW YORK, July 10.—David Schneider, who was a resident of Pittsburg eight years ago, and who has devoted the past six years to finding his wife and Simeon Elias, together with his three children, about the country, found them last night established in the second-hand furniture store of a building together at 132 Grand street, Brooklyn.

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LET JOSE AT LAST

Bardsley's Suppressed Statement Is Finally Placed in Evidence.

A ROAST FOR WANAMAKER, Who Is Charged With Using Official Power to Squeeze the Bank.

HE ENTERS A VIGOROUS DENIAL,

The Ex-Treasurer Also Attacks Both McClure and Singery.

QUAKER CITY SECRETS COMING OUT

PHILADELPHIA, July 10.—The subcommittee of the Finance Committee of the City Councils that is inquiring into the failure of the Keystone National Bank and the affairs of ex-City Treasurer John Bardsley held a protracted session this afternoon.

The main witnesses were Robert M. McWade, city editor of the *Public Ledger*; William V. McKean, editor in chief of the same paper, and Postmaster General Wanamaker. The testimony of Mr. McWade and Mr. McKean was referred to two statements obtained by the committee on Bardsley on June 18 and 19, four days before the accused City Treasurer made his public statement in court when brought up for sentence.

Mr. Wanamaker, after denying emphatically statements made by Bardsley to Mr. McWade which reflected severely on his (Wanamaker's) actions in connection with the Keystone Bank, explained fully his connection with the 2,625 shares of Keystone Bank stock which he had sold and certificate book showed had been issued in Mr. Wanamaker's name.

Great Interest in the Inquiry. As at previous meetings of the committee, the room was crowded to suffocation with men, many of them prominent in the affairs of the city, who stood attentive listeners to the testimony. Mr. McWade was the first witness. He said in answer to questions that he had seen in March, 1888, a check for \$100,000, which was the amount of the overissued stock and that Lawyers Sulzberger and Johnson had forced him to return it, Mr. Wanamaker had it was absolutely false.

Mr. McKean said that he had seen in the newspapers he thought it proper for him to make a full statement, particularly as to what became of the \$100,000, and that which had disappeared, the charge being made that it had been stolen.

After Mr. McWade had written out the first statement, he said a consultation was held between the committee and another member of the editorial force of the *Ledger* and, after full deliberation and discussion, it was decided not to publish it, because strong references were supported by facts, was made to certain people.

Not a Sworn Witness. Mr. McKean was not sworn. He said that as editor of the *Ledger* he had charge of the interview which Mr. McWade had conducted. He said that he had interviewed a number of reputable citizens upon the testimony of a witness not credible, it was decided it was not proper to publish it and he was not sworn.

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